

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Center for Health Information and Analysis

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. c. 12C and in accordance with M.G.L. c. 30A, as amended, the Center for Health Information and Analysis ("Center") will hold a public hearing on Friday, March 22, 2013 at 10:00 A.M. at Two Boylston Street, Boston, MA 02116 relative to the adoption of regulation:

957 CMR 2.00: Payer Data Reporting

The proposed regulation sets forth the methodology for health care payers to report data concerning health status adjusted total medical expenses, relative prices paid to providers, and information on alternative payment methods.

Payers will be required to annually submit data for each calendar year by May 1 for total medical expenses and relative prices, and annually by May 15 for alternative payment methods.

The Center adopted the regulation on an emergency basis effective February 5, 2013, in order to implement the requirements of M.G.L. c. 12C, and to provide payers with notice of upcoming reporting deadlines. It is anticipated that payers will incur administrative costs to comply with the new reporting requirements. There is no fiscal impact on cities and towns, and no fiscal impact on small businesses.

Individuals that notify the Center of their intent to testify at the hearing will be afforded an earlier opportunity to speak. Speakers may notify the Center of their intention to testify at the hearing by registering online at <a href="www.mass.gov\chia\regulations">www.mass.gov\chia\regulations</a>. Individuals may also submit written testimony by emailing <a href="mailto:CHIA-Regulations@state.ma.us">CHIA-Regulations@state.ma.us</a>. Please submit electronic testimony as an attached Word document or as text within the body of the email with the name of the regulation in the subject line. All submissions must include the sender's full name and address. Individuals who are unable to submit testimony by email should mail written testimony to the Center for Health Information and Analysis, Two Boylston Street, Boston, MA 02116-4704. Written testimony must be submitted by 5:00 P.M. on Monday, April 1, 2013. Copies of the regulation are available for inspection and/or purchase at the Center for Health Information and Analysis or may be viewed at the Center's website at <a href="www.mass.gov\chia\regulations">www.mass.gov\chia\regulations</a>.